

this greatest hazard of our economic life. This can be provided by encouraging employers to provide more stable employment and by the systematic accumulation of funds during periods of employment to provide benefits for periods of unemployment, thus maintaining purchasing power and limiting the serious social consequences of poor relief assistance. The Legislature, therefore, declares that in its considered judgment the public good, and the general welfare of the citizens of this State require the enactment of this measure, under the police powers of the State, for the compulsory setting aside of unemployment reserves to be used for the benefit of persons unemployed through no fault of their own.

### Benefits.

1936 (Dec. Sp. Sess.), ch. 1, sec. 3. 1937, chs. 314 and 527. 1939, ch. 278, sec. 3.

3. (a) (Payment of Benefits.) Twenty-four months after the date when contributions first accrue under this Article, benefits shall become payable from the fund; Provided, that wages earned for services defined in Section 19 (g) 7 (C) of this Article, irrespective of when performed, shall not be included for purposes of determining eligibility, under Section 4 (e), or the weekly benefit amount, under sub-section (b) (1) of this section, for the purposes of any benefit year commencing on or after July 1, 1939, nor shall any benefits with respect to unemployment occurring on and after July 1, 1939, be payable under sub-section (c) of this section on the basis of such wages. All benefits shall be paid through re-employment offices, in accordance with such regulations as the Board may prescribe.

(b) (1) (Weekly Benefit Amount.) An individual's "weekly benefit amount" shall be the amount appearing in Column B in the table in this sub-section on the line on which, in Column A of such table, there appear the total wages earned by such individual for insured work in that calendar quarter of his base period in which such total wages were highest.

Column A Wages Earned in Highest Quarter of Base Period	Column B Weekly Benefit Amount	Column C Qualifying Wages in Base Period
\$ 37.50 — \$130.00	\$ 5.00	\$150.00
130.01 — 156.00	6.00	180.00
156.01 — 182.00	7.00	210.00
182.01 — 208.00	8.00	240.00
208.01 — 234.00	9.00	270.00
234.01 — 260.00	10.00	300.00
260.01 — 286.00	11.00	330.00
286.01 — 312.00	12.00	360.00
312.01 — 338.00	13.00	390.00
338.01 — 364.00	14.00	420.00
364.01 and over	15.00	450.00

(b) (2) (Weekly Benefit for Unemployment.) Each eligible individual who is unemployed in any week shall be paid with respect to such week a benefit in an amount equal to his weekly benefit amount less that part of the wages (if any) payable to him with respect to such week which is in excess of \$2.00.